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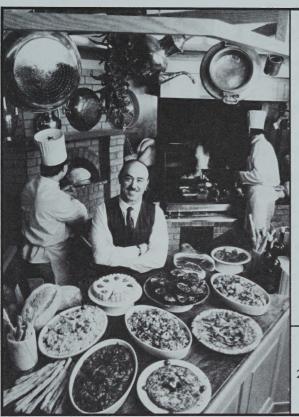
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CHARLES FISK, FORTEPIANO



Pianist Charles Fisk holds degrees from Harvard College and the Yale School of Music. He also attended the Mozarteum Akademie in Salzburg and the Fontainebleau Conservatoire, and spent two years in

Paris as a student of Nadia Boulanger. He has performed recitals and artist lectures throughout Europe, Canada, and the United States. In June of 1980, Mr. Fisk enjoyed the distinction of being the only American prizewinner in the Johann Sebastian Bach competition held in Washington, D.C. His scholarly interests focus on the music of Schubert and on the relationship between performance and analytical and critical approaches to music. He teaches piano, music theory, and music history at Wellesley College.

PAMELA DELLAL, MEZZO-SOPRANO



Pamela Dellal has been praised for the "exquisite vocal color" of her singing, and has been soloist with some of the nation's leading Baroque ensembles, including H&H, the Boston Early Music Festival, and the Dallas Bach Society. In

addition to her Baroque repertoire, she has performed a range of music from twelfth-century monody to contemporary compositions. A noted recitalist, Ms. Dellal has been featured in Emmanuel Music's chamber music series of Schumann, Debussy, and Brahms; she is also a regular soloist in its famed Bach Cantata series. She is a founding member of Favella Lyrica, an ensemble that performs music from the 17th and 18th centuries for two voices. Ms. Dellal has recorded for Arabesque, DG, Koch International, and Harmonia Mundi.

CAROLE HABER, SOPRANO



Carole Haber is known to her audiences for her stunning interpretations of the Mozartian and bel canto styles. Her operatic debut as the the Queen of the Night won her laudatory reviews in

the New York Times. In Boston, where she makes her home, she has been a soloist with H&H, the Dedham Choral Society, Newton Choral Society, the Heritage Chorale, and many other groups. She made her Symphony Hall solo debut in H&H's 1991 performances of the Mozart *Requiem*. Ms. Haber is the winner of the Eleanor Steber Music Foundation Award and the Washington International Competition. In addition, she has been a finalist twice in the New England Regional Metropolitan Opera Competition, and a finalist in the Young Concert Artist Competition.

WILLIAM HITE, TENOR



William Hite enjoys a distinguished career in the concert hall and as a recording artist. He has performed with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Dallas Bach Society, Boston Baroque, and the Atlanta Choral Guild, in addition to H&H. He

has also given period performances with Aston Magna, Abendmusik, The King's Noyse, and the Boston Cecilia. Mr. Hite has sung at the Festival D'Aix in France, and with the Mark Morris Dance Group in Brussels. He was featured in Philip Glass's opera *The Fall of the House of Usher* at the American Repertory Theater, and was a two-time Tanglewood fellow. Mr. Hite's recordings with Ensemble Sequentia, Löln and the Boston Camerata have won the Diapason D'Or and the Grand Prix du Disque respectively. He has also recorded with Emmanuel Music on Koch International.

DONALD WILKINSON, BARITONE



Donald Wilkinson has appeared with many of America's finest musical organizations, including the symphony orchestras of Pittsburgh, Jacksonville, Portland, ME, and Vermont. In 1991, he made his Boston Symphony Orchestra debut with

Seiji Ozawa in *Salome*. He has also appeared with H&H, the Carmel Bach Festival, Washington Bach Consort, Philadelphia Bach Festival, Boston Baroque, and the Colorado Chorale, and has toured nationally with the Boston Camerata. He is active in opera, and has sung the roles of Marcello in *La Bohème*, Germont in *La Traviata*, and Konecy in the American Premiere of Janacek's *Fate*. A member of Emmanuel Music since 1984, Mr. Wilkinson has performed more than 100 of Bach's Cantatas, and has sung in two recordings of Schütz motets on Koch International.

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A SCHUBERT EVENING

Robert Mealy

In 1817, the twenty-year-old Franz Schubert had one of the most influential meetings of his short career. It was not the most propitious event at the time: Schubert was deeply shy, and the man to whom he was introduced was far more worldly and sophisticated. But he would prove to be one of Schubert's most important advocates. This man was Johann Michael Vogl,

the fifty-year-old baritone soloist at the Kärntnertor Theatre, a respected performer who spoke four languages and read philosophy during his intermissions at the theatre. Together they formed a remarkable team; they performed together often, both in Vienna and outside it, introducing the world to Schubert's songs. This musical form gave Schubert his first fame, beginning with the

astonishing *Erlkönig* written when he was only eighteen. In the thirteen years that remained to him, Schubert was to write more than six hundred songs. A visitor in 1827, the year of his collection *Winterreise*, found him hard at work in bed and was told "I write for several hours every morning. When one piece is finished, I begin another."

One of the most delightful things about this genre, as Schubert practiced it, was its inherent sociability. In 1821, fourteen of Schubert's closest friends met with him to play and sing his music. This was the first "Schubertiade" (or Schubert Abend), although it was only called that in retrospect. At these events there would be singing, playing, and much drinking, continuing into the small hours of the morning. Given the limitations of modern concert culture, unfortunately only the first two of these elements can be presented in this performance, but the range of works in tonight's concert gives a good idea of how it was not only possible but delightful for Schubert's friends to make an evening of his music on a regular basis.

Although these Schubertiades were at first put on only by members of Schubert's close circle of friends, they rapidly became true salon events. The same year, Schubert's friend Schober wrote that "there were a couple of Schubertiades at the Bishop's, and one at Baroness Münk's, of whom I am quite fond, where a Princess, two Countesses, and three

Baronesses were present, all most generously ecstatic." And in fact the line between an evening of friends and a gathering of potential patrons was often unclear. The unifying factor in these gatherings was the music of a single composer, presented in an atmosphere which was neither that of the aristocratic salons, which

Beethoven had frequented, nor that of the public concert hall. And Schubert's songs spoke to this condition; to this day they have remained in a unique position in Western music, at once a high art requiring great taste and intelligence, and a body of work that is truly beloved, somewhere in a middle ground between public and private.

Schubert himself soon had had enough of these events, as the crowds got larger and larger and as he himself became more and more occupied with his compositions. The fame that accompanied his songs was not unwelcome, but not exactly what he had in mind. To be known as a composer of large-scale forms — symphonies and operas — was the real test. Schubert's only public concert devoted entirely to his works was performed, significantly, on the anniversary of Beethoven's death, and he constantly sought unsuccessfully to carve out a career as an opera composer.

Tonight's program presents works extending from the early part of Schubert's musical career, just after he finished his studies



Sepia drawing of a Schubert Abend at the home of Joseph von Spaun; Schubert is at the piano, sitting between Johann Vogl, on his right, and Spaun, on his left

with Salieri, to what may be the very last song he wrote (Die Taubenbost, composed in October of 1827). Along with the solo songs, among which will be heard both beloved favorites and unexpected surprises, the evening's entertainment will also feature some more rarely-heard genres of Schubert's work. The part-song, for instance, is a form Schubert rescued from the artistic oblivion of glee clubs to give it the dignity of some of his greatest solo songs. In the first three works on this program. which came to be published (much after his death, by haphazard collocation) as Op.112, Schubert can be heard trying on some of the more serious choral effects. In Gott im Ungewitter it is the Handelian fugue and the dramatic interjection, while in Gott der Weltschöpfer it is the four-square chorus reminiscent of Mozart's Masonic music in The Magic Flute. These texts, and the hymn by Schiller (Hymne an den Unendlichen) which completes the collection, may have come closer than anything else to religion for Schubert. Certainly the Romantic emotion of Sehnsucht, that melancholy longing evoked at the sight of natural beauty and sublimity, was one with which Schubert identified.

Der Hochzeitsbraten, with its yodelling finale, is in a lighter and more domestic vein. Two of the other part-songs on our program share this aesthetic: the frolicsome Der Tanz and Der Geselligkeit. Schubert, who enjoyed parties, would often accompany dances with

improvised walzes, and his published piano works included not only the important genre of sonata but the *Gebrauchsmusik* (practical music) of the popular dances of the time. His twelve German dances were actually published as "Ländler," with the indication "Deutsches Tempo." Such generic confusion between waltzes, ländler, and "German dances" were common at the time. This was to be the only collection of dances from Schubert's maturity to be published exactly as he left it, although they had to wait forty-one years before Brahms shepherded them through publication.

Schubert experimented with other, newer forms of piano music as well as the conventional genres of dance and sonata. The *Klavierstücke* D. 946 were written in May of the last year of his life; they are composed in a three-part form, with a tranquil and lyrical middle separating the stormy and impetuous outer sections. They are similar in mood and figuration to the Opus 90 *Impromptus* he had composed the summer before. The third in this collection is really a nocturne, in the distant key of G-flat Major. With these pieces, Schubert inaugurated the whole nineteenth-century tradition of "improvisatory" and highly evocative piano music.

Robert Mealy is a professional violinist as well as program annotator. He is a member of the period-instrument ensemble Benefit Street.

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VOCAL TEXTS

Gott im Ungewitter, D. 985, [God in the Storm]

Joseph Peter Uz

Du Schrecklicher,

Wer kann vor dir und deinem Donner steh'n?

Groß ist der Herr, was trotzen wir?

Er winkt, und wir vergeh'n.

Er lagert sich in schwarzer Nacht,

Die Völker zittern schon:

Geflügeltes Verderben wacht

Um seinem furchtbarn Thron.

Rothglühend schleudert seine Hand

Den Blitz aus finstrer Höh':

Und Donner stürzt sich auf das Land

In einer Feuersee,

Daß selbst der Erde fester Grund

Vom Zorn des Donners bebt,

Und was um ihr erschütternd Rund

Und in der Tiefe lebt.

Den Herrn und seinen Arm erkennt

Die zitternde Natur.

Da weit umher der Himmel brennt.

Und weit umher die Flur.

Wer schützt mich Sterblichen, mich Staub,

Wenn, der im Himmel wohnt

Und Welten pflückt wie dürres Laub,

Nicht huldreich mich verschont?

Wir haben einen Gott voll Huld.

Auch wenn er zornig scheint:

Er herrscht mit schonender Geduld,

Der große Menschenfreund.

Thou Terrible One,

Who can stand before thee and thy thunder?

Great is the Lord, why do we defy?

He nods, and we perish. He rests in the dark night.

The people tremble.

Winged destruction keeps watch

Around his awful throne.

Glowing red, his hand hurls

The lightning out of the dark heights:

And thunder crashes down on the earth

In a sea of fire,

So that even the firm foundations of the earth

Tremble from the anger of the thunder,

As does everything That lives in its depths.

Trembling nature acknowledges the Lord and

The hand of the Lord.

As all around the heavens burn,

And all around the fields burn.

Who would protect me, a mortal of mere dust,

If he who abides in heaven and gathers whole

Worlds like parched leaves,

Did not graciously spare me?

We have a God full of mercy,

Even when he appears angry:

He reigns with saving patience,

The great friend of all mankind.

Gott der Weltschöpfer, D. 986 [God, the Creator of the World]

Joseph Peter Uz

Zu Gott flieg' auf,

Hoch über alle Sphären,

Jauchz' ihm, weitschallender Gesang.

Dem Ewigen!

Er hieß das alte Nichts gebären;

Und sein allmächtig Wort war Zwang.

Ihm, aller Wesen Quelle,

Werde von allen Wesen Lob gebracht,

Im Himmel und auf Erden

Lob seiner weisen Macht.

Zu Gott flieg' auf,

Mein schallender Gesang!

Fly up to God,

High above all spheres,

Praise him, wide-resounding song,

Praise the Eternal!

He commanded the old Nothingness to be fruitful,

And his almighty word was law.

To him, the source of all beings,

May praise be brought from all beings,

In heaven and on earth.

The praise of his judicious power.

Fly up to God,

My resounding song!

Hymne an den Unendlichen, D.232 [Hymn to the Eternal One] Friedrich von Schiller

Zwischen Himmel und Erd'
Hoch in der Lüfte Meer,
In der Wiege des Sturms
Trägt mich ein Zackenfels;
Wolken thürmen unter mir sich zu Stürmen,
Schwindelnd gaukelt der Blitz umher,
Und ich denke dich, Ewiger!

Deinen schauernden Pomp Borge dem Endlichen, Ungeheure Natur! Du der Unendlichkeit Riesentochter! Sei mir Spiegel Jehovah's! Seinen Gott dem vernünft'gen Wurm Orgle prächtig, Gewittersturm!

Horch! er orgelt; Den Fels wie er herunter dröhnt! Brüllend spricht der Orkan Zebaoth's Namen aus, Hingeschrieben mit dem Griffel des Blitzes: Creaturen, erkennt ihr mich? Schone, Herr! wir erkennen dich! Between heaven and earth,
High in the sea of the atmosphere,
In the cradle of the storm,
I stand upon a jagged rock;
Under me, clouds pile up into storms,
The lightning flits dizzyingly about,
And I think of thee, Eternal One!

Yield your shuddering pomp To the Ultimate One, Oh monstrous Nature! You, the giant daughter of infinity! Be for me the mirror of Jehovah! Oh tempest, sing splendidly unto Man About his God!

Hark! he sings;
How the rock rumbles below!
The storm roars out
The name of the Lord of Hosts,
Written with the stylus of the lightning:
Creatures, do you acknowledge me?
Spare us, Lord! We acknowledge thee!

Die Vögel, D. 691 [The Birds]

Friedrich von Schlegel

Wie lieblich und fröhlich, Zu schweben, zu singen, Von glänzender Höhe Zur Erde zu blicken!

Die Menschen sind töricht, Sie können nicht fliegen. Sie jammern in Nöten, Wir flattern gen Himmel.

Der Jäger will töten, Dem Früchte wir pickten; Wir müssen ihn höhnen, Und Beute gewinnen. How delightful and exhilarating it is To soar and to sing, To look down on the earth From the radiant heights!

Men are foolish: They cannot fly. They lament in their distress; We fly up to the heavens.

The huntsman whose fruit we pecked Wants to kill us; But we should mock him And snatch our spoils.

Die Krähe (from Winterreise, D. 911) [The Crow]

Wilhelm Müller

Eine Krähe war mit mir Aus der Stadt gezogen, Ist bis heute für und für Um mein Haupt geflogen.

Krähe, wunderliches Tier, Willst mich nicht verlassen? Meinst wohl bald als Beute hier Meinen Leib zu fassen?

Nun, es wird nicht weit mehr gehn An dem Wanderstabe. Krähe, laß mich endlich sehn Treue bis zum Grabe! A crow has come with me From the town, And to this day Has been flying ceaselessly about my head.

Crow, you strange creature, Will you not leave me? Do you intend soon To seize my body as prey?

Well, I do not have much farther to walk With my staff.
Crow, let me at last see
Faithfulness unto the grave.

Die Taubenpost (from Schwanengesang, D. 957) [Pigeon Post] Johann Gabriel Seidl

Ich hab' eine Brieftaub in meinem Sold, Die ist gar ergeben und treu, Sie nimmt mir nie das Ziel zu kurz, Und fliegt auch nie vorbei.

Ich sende sie viel tausendmal Auf Kundschaft täglich hinaus, Vorbei an manchem lieben Ort, Bis zu der Liebsten Haus.

Dort schaut sie zum Fenster heimlich hinein, Belauscht ihren Blick und Schritt, Gibt meine Grüße scherzend ab Und nimmt die ihren mit.

Kein Briefchen brauch ich zu schreiben mehr, Die Träne selbst geb ich ihr: O sie verträgt sie sicher nicht, Gar eifrig dient sie mir.

Bei Tag, bei Nacht, im Wachen, im Traum Ihr gilt das alles gleich, Wenn sie nur wandern, wandern kann, Dann ist sie überreich.

Sie wird nicht müd, sie wird nicht matt, Der Weg ist stets ihr neu; Sie braucht nicht Lockung, braucht nicht Lohn, Die Taub ist so mir treu.

Drum heg ich sie auch so treu an der Brust, Versichert des schönsten Gewinns; Sie heißt - die Sehnsucht! Kennt ihr sie? Die Botin treuen Sinns. I have a carrier-pigeon in my pay, Devoted and true; She never stops short of her goal And never flies too far.

Each day I send her out
A thousand times on reconnaissance,
Past many a beloved spot,
To my sweetheart's house.

There she peeps furtively in at the window, Observing her every look and step, Conveys my greeting breezily, And brings hers back to me.

I no longer need to write a note, I can give her my very tears; She will certainly not deliver them wrongly, So eagerly does she serve me.

Day or night, awake or dreaming, It is all the same to her; As long as she can roam She is richly contented.

She never grows tired or faint, The route is always fresh to her; She needs no enticement or reward, So true is this pigeon to me.

I cherish her as truly in my heart, Certain of the fairest prize; Her name is — Longing! Do you know her? The messenger of constancy.

Im Frühling, D. 882 [In Spring]

Ernest Schulze

Still sitz ich an des Hügels Hang, Der Himmel ist so klar, Das Lüftchen spielt im grünen Tal, Wo ich beim ersten Frühlingsstrahl Einst, ach so glücklich war.

Wo ich an ihrer Seite ging So traulich und so nah, Und tief im dunklen Felsenquell Den schönen Himmel blau und hell Und sie im Himmel sah.

Sieh, wie der bunte Frühling schon Aus Knosp' und Blüte blickt! Nicht alle Blüten sind mir gleich, Am liebsten pflückt ich von dem Zweig, Von welchem sie gepflückt!

Denn alles ist wie damals noch, Die Blumen, das Gefild; Die Sonne scheint nicht minder hell, Nicht minder freundlich schwimmt im Quell Das blaue Himmelsbild.

Es wandeln nur sich Will und Wahn, Es wechseln Lust und Streit, Vorüber flieht der Liebe Glück, Und nur die Liebe bleibt zurück, Die Lieb und ach, das Leid!

O wär ich doch ein Vöglein nur Dort an dem Wiesenhang! Dann blieb ich auf den Zweigen hier, Und säng ein süsses Lied von ihr, Den ganzen Sommer lang. I sit silently on the hillside, The sky is so clear, The breezes play in the green valley Where once, in the first rays of spring, I was, oh, so happy.

Where I walked by her side, So tender, so close, And saw deep in the dark rocky stream The fair sky, blue and bright, And her reflected in that sky.

See how the colorful spring Already peeps from bud and blossom. Not all the blossoms are the same to me: I like most of all to pluck them from the branch From which she has plucked.

For all is still as it was then, The flowers, the fields; The sun shines no less brightly, And no less cheerfully The sky's blue image bathes in the stream.

Only will and whim change, And joy alternates with strife; The happiness of love flies past, And only love remains, Love and, alas, sorrow.

Oh, if only I were a bird, There on the sloping meadow! Then I would stay on these branches here, And sing a sweet song about her All summer long.

Wehmut, D. 772 [Melancholy] Matthäus von Collin

Wenn ich durch Wald und Fluren geh', Es wird mir dann so wohl und weh In unruhvoller Brust.
So wohl, so weh, wenn ich die Au In ihrer Schönheit Fülle schau', Und all die Frühlingslust.
Denn was im Winde tönend weht, Was aufgetürmt gen Himmel steht, Und auch der Mensch, so hold vertraut Mit all der Schönheit, die er schaut, Entschwindet, und vergeht.

When I walk through the woods and fields I feel so happy and yet so sad In my unquiet heart; So happy and so sad when I behold The meadows in the fullness of their beauty, And all the joy of spring. For all that blows and echoes in the wind, All that towers up towards heaven, And man himself, communing so fondly With all the beauty he beholds — All shall vanish and perish.

An mein Herz, D. 860 [To My Heart]

Ernst Schulze

O Herz, sei endlich stille! Was schlägst du so unruhvoll? Es ist ja des Himmels Wille, Daß ich sie lassen soll.

Und gab auch dein junges Leben Dir nichts als Wahn und Pein, Hat's ihr nur Freude gegeben, So mag's verloren sein.

Und wenn sie auch nie dein Lieben Und nie dein' Lieb' verstand, So bist du doch treu geblieben, Und Gott hat's droben erkannt.

Wir wollen es mutig ertragen, So lang nur die Träne noch rinnt, Und träumen von schöneren Tagen, Die lange vorüber sind.

Und siehst du die Blüten erscheinen, Und singen die Vögel umher, So magst du wohl heimlich weinen, Doch klagen sollst du nicht mehr.

Geh'n doch die ewigen Sterne Dort oben mit goldenem Licht Und lächeln so freundlich von ferne, Und denken doch unser nicht. O heart! Be silent at last! Why do you beat so restlessly? For it is Heaven's will That I should leave her.

Even though your youthful life Gave you nothing but delusion and pain, As long as it gave her joy Then no matter if it was lost to you.

And though she never understood Your loving or your love, You nevertheless remained faithful And God above saw it.

Let us bravely endure As long as tears still flow, And dream of fairer days Long since past.

When you see the blossoms appearing, When the birds sing all around, Then you may weep in secret But you should complain no more.

For the eternal stars above Move with a golden light, Smiling kindly from afar And yet with no thought for us.

Der Hochzeitsbraten, D.930 [The Roast for the Wedding Feast]

Friedrich von Schober

Therese:

Ach liebes Herz, ach Theobald, Laß dir nur dies mal rathen, Ich bitt' dich, geh' nicht in den Wald, Wir brauchen keinen Braten. *Theobald:*

Der Stein ist scharf, ich fehle nicht, Den Hasen muß ich haben, Der Kerl muß uns als Hauptgericht Beim Hochzeitschmause laben.

Therese:

Ich bitt' dich, Schatz,

Theobald:
Ich geh' allein,
Therese:

Sie hängen dich, *Theobald:*Was fällt dir ein!

Therese:

Oh, sweetheart, oh Theobald, Just listen to this advice,

I beg you, don't go into the woods,

We don't need a roast.

Theobald:

The stone is sharp, I won't miss,

I must have the hare!

That fellow must be the main course

At our wedding feast.

Therese:

I beg you, dear, *Theobald:*I'll go alone, *Therese:*

They will hang you,

Theobald:

What are you thinking about!

Therese:

Allein?

Allein kann ich nicht bleiben, Nein, allein kann ich nicht bleiben.

Theobald:

Nun gut, so magst du treiben.

Therese:

Wo steckt er denn?

Theobald:

Hier ist der Ort,

Jetzt treibe fort,

[Therese:

gsch! gsch! prr, prr] Jetzt hier im Kraut, Jetzt im Gebüsch,

Nur nicht so laut.

Caspar:

Horch! horch!

Potz Blitz, was soll das sein?

Ich glaub', sie jagen,

Da schlag' der Hagel drein!

Theobald:

Da sprach ja wer?

Therese.

Was du nicht hörst!

Caspar:

Der kommt nicht aus, den sperr' ich ein.

Theobald:

Es wird der Wind gewesen sein.

Therese:

O Lust, ein Jägersmann zu sein!

gsch! gsch! prr, prr Ein Has'. ein Has'!

Theobald:

Da liegt er schon,

Welch Meisterschuß, grad' in die Brust,

O Lust, o süße, süße Jägerlust.

Therese:

O sieh! den feisten Rücken, Den will ich trefflich spicken.

O Lust, o süße, süße Jägerlust.

Caspar:

Nun wart,' Hallunk, dich trifft dein Lohn,

Du Galgenstrick, du Enakssohn! Halt Diebsgepack! Halt! Halt!

Therese & Theobald:

Nun ist es aus!

Caspar:

Den Hasen gebt, die Büchs' heraus,

In's Loch, in's Arbeitshaus,

Ich treib euch schon das Stehlen aus.

Therese & Theobald:

Ich muß . . ., ich will . . .,

O weh! o weh! mit uns ist's aus. Herr Jäger, seid doch nicht von Stein,

Die Hochzeit sollte morgen sein.

Therese.

Alone?

I can't remain alone, No, I can't remain alone.

Theobald:

All right, then you may flush him out.

Therese:

Now, where is he hiding?

Theobald:

Here is the place,

Now flush him out,

[Therese:

gsh! gsh! prr, prrl Now in the grass, Now in the bushes, But not so loud!

Caspar:

Hark! Hark!

What the devil is this? I think they're hunting,

That's where the shot was.

Theobald:

Who was that speaking?

Therese:

You're hearing things!

Caspar:

He won't get away, I'll trap him.

Theobald:

It must have been the wind.

Therese:

Oh, what joy to be a hunter!

gsh! gsh! prr, prr, A hare, a hare! *Theobald:* There he lies.

What a masterful shot, right in the heart! Oh joy, oh the sweet joy of being a hunter!

Therese:

Oh look! what a fine fat piece of meat!

I will dress it splendidly.

Oh joy, oh the sweet joy of being a hunter!

Caspar:

Just wait, you'll get what's coming to you,

You rascal, you son of Enak!

Stop, you pack of thieves! Stop! Stop!

Therese & Theobald: Now we're done for!

Caspar:

Give me the hare,

Into prison with you, into the work-house!

I'll teach you not to steal! *Therese & Theobald:*

I must . . . , I will . . . ,

Oh woe! oh woe! now we're done for! Oh hunter, sir, don't be made of stone, We're supposed to be married tomorrow!

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Caspar:

Was kümmert's mich! Therese & Theobald:

O hört, mit Most will ich euch reich verseh'n, O hört, und ich, ich strick' euch einen Beutel,

Und dieser Thaler weiß und blank, Laßt ihr uns geh'n, sei euer Dank.

Caspar:

Das Mädchen ist verzweifelt schön.

Therese:

Ach! statt den Hasenrücken Muß ich den Jäger spicken.

Theobald:

Ach! statt den Hasenrücken Muß sie den Jäger spicken.

Caspar:

Sie ist doch zum Entzücken,
Ich muß ein Aug' zudrücken.
Nun wohl, weil ernstlich ihr bereut,
Und 's erstemal im Forste seid,
Mag Gnad' für Recht heut' walten,
Ihr möget Hochzeit halten.
Therese & Theobald:

O tausend Dank, O lieber Herr, Gebt uns zur Hochzeit doch die Ehr'!

Caspar:

Es sei, ich komme morgen, Für'n Braten will ich sorgen. *Therese, Theobald, & Caspar:* Lebt wohl bis morgen. *Therese & Theobald:*

Das Herz ist frei von seiner Last, Wir haben Hochzeit und 'nen Gast, Und obendrein den Braten,

So sind wir gut berathen.

La la la, . . . Caspar:

Hol' euch der Fuchs,

Ich wäre fast der Bräut'gam lieber als der Gast,

Sie ist kein schlechter Braten, Der Kerl ist gut berathen. Caspar:

What does that matter to me!

Therese & Theobald:

Oh listen, I'll supply you well with wine, Oh listen, and I, I'll knit you a new pouch,

And this bright shiny coin,

please let us go, and we'll be grateful to you.

Caspar:

The girl is remarkably beautiful.

Therese:

Ah, instead of roasting the hare I have to bribe the hunter.

Theobald:

Ah, instead of roasting the hare, She has to bribe the hunter.

Caspar:

She is delightful, I must shut my eyes.

All right, since you have sincerely repented, And since this is your first time in the forest,

Let mercy go before the law, You may have your wedding.

Therese & Theobald:

Oh, a thousand thanks, dear sir,

Please be an honored guest at our wedding!

Caspar:

So be it, I'll come tomorrow, And I'll take care of the roast. Therese, Theobald, & Caspar: Farewell until tomorrow. Therese & Theobald:

The burden is removed from our hearts, We shall have a wedding and a guest,

And what's more, the roast —

So everything has turned out well for us.

La la la, . . . Caspar:

The devil take you!

I'd rather be the groom than a guest,

She's quite a catch,

This fellow has made out all right.

Liebesbotschaft (from Schwanengesang, D. 957) [Love's Message] Ludwig Rellstab

Rauschendes Bächlein, so silbern und hell, Eilst zur Geliebten so munter und schnell? Ach, trautes Bächlein, mein Bote sei du; Bringe die Grüße des Fernen ihr zu.

All ihre Blumen im Garten gepflegt, Die sie so lieblich am Busen trägt, Und ihre Rosen in purpurner Glut, Bächlein, erquicke mit kühlender Flut. Murmuring brook, so silver and bright, Do you hasten, so lively and swift, to my beloved? Ah, sweet brook, be my messenger; Bring her greetings from her distant lover.

All the flowers, tended in her garden, Which she wears so charmingly on her breast, And her roses with their crimson glow: Refresh them, brooklet, with your cooling waters. Wenn sie am Ufer, in Träume versenkt, Meiner gedenkend, das Köpfchen hängt, Tröste die Süße mit freundlichem Blick, Denn der Geliebte keht bald zurück.

Neigt sich die Sonne mit rötlichem Schein, Wiege das Liebchen in Schlummer ein. Rausche sie murmelnd in süße Ruh, Flüstre ihr Träume der Liebe zu. When on your banks she inclines her head, Lost in dreams, thinking of me, Comfort my sweetheart with a kindly glance, For her beloved will soon return.

When the sun sinks in a red flush, Lull my sweetheart to sleep. With your soft murmurings bring her sweet repose, And whisper dreams of love.

Ständchen (from Schwanengesang, D. 957) [Serenade] Ludwig Rellstab

Leise flehen meine Lieder Durch die Nacht zu Dir; In den stillen Hain hernieder, Liebchen, komm' zu mir!

Flüsternd schlanke Wipfel rauschen In des Mondes Licht; Des Verräters feindlich Lauschen Fürchte, Holde, nicht.

Hörst die Nachtigallen schlagen? Ach! sie flehen Dich, Mit der Töne süßen Klagen Flehen sie für mich.

Sie verstehn des Busens Sehnen, Kennen Liebesschmerz, Rühren mit den Silbertönen Jedes weiche Herz.

Laß auch Dir das Herz bewegen, Liebchen, höre mich! Bebend harr' ich Dir entgegen! Komm', beglücke mich! Softly my songs plead Through the night to you; Down into the silent grove, Beloved, come to me!

Slender tree-tops whisper and rustle In the moonlight; My darling, do not fear That the hostile betrayer will overhear us.

Do you not hear the nightingales call? Ah, they are imploring you; With their sweet, plaintive songs They are imploring for me.

They understand the heart's yearning, They know the pain of love; With their silvery notes They touch every tender heart.

Let your heart, too, be moved, Beloved, hear me! Trembling, I await you! Come, make me happy!

Frühlingssehnsucht (from Schwanengesang, D. 957) [Spring Longing] Ludwig Rellstab

Säuselnde Lüfte wehend so mild, Blumiger Düfte atmend erfüllt! Wie haucht ihr mich wonnig begrüßend an! Wie habt ihr dem pochenden Herzen getan? Es möchte euch folgen auf luftiger Bahn, Wohin? Wohin?

Bächlein, so munter rauschend zumal, Wollen hinunter silbern ins Tal. Die schwebende Welle, dort eilt sie dahin! Tief spiegeln sich Fluren und Himmel darin. Was ziehst du mich, sehnend verlangender Sinn, Hinab? Hinab? Whispering breezes, blowing so gently, Exuding the fragrance of flowers; How blissful to me is your welcoming breath! What have you done to my beating heart? It yearns to follow you on your airy path. Where to?

Silver brooklets, babbling so merrily, Seek the valley below. Their ripples glide swiftly by! The fields and the sky are deeply mirrored there. Why yearning, craving senses, do you draw me Downwards?

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Grüßender Sonne spielendes Gold, Hoffende Wonne bringest du hold, Wie labt mich dein selig begrüßendes Bild! Es lächelt am tiefblauen Himmel so mild Und hat mir das Auge mit Tränen gefüllt, Warum? Warum?

Grünend umkränzet Wälder und Höh. Schimmernd erglänzet Blütenschnee. So dränget sich alles zum bräutlichen Licht; Es schwellen die Keime, die Knospe bricht; Sie haben gefunden, was ihnen gebricht: Und du? Und du?

Rastloses Sehnen! Wünschendes Herz, Immer nur Tränen, Klage, und Schmerz? Auch ich bin mir schwellender Triebe bewußt! Wer stillet mir endlich die drängende Lust? Nur du befreist den Lenz in der Brust, Nur du! Nur du!

Sparkling gold of the welcoming sun, You bring the fair joy of hope. How your happy, welcoming countenance refreshes me! It smiles so benignly in the deepblue sky, And yet has filled my eyes with tears. Why?

The woods and hills are wreathed in green. Snowy blossom shimmers and gleams. All things strain towards the bridal light: Seeds swell, buds burst; They have found what they lacked: And you?

Restless longing, yearning heart, Are there always only tears, complaints and pain? I too am aware of swelling impulses! Who at last will still my urgent desire? Only you can free the spring in my heart, Only you!

Seligkeit, D. 433 [Bliss]

Joys beyond number Bloom in the vaults of heaven For angels and the transfigured, As our fathers taught. Ah, there I should like to be, Forever rejoicing!

Upon each a heavenly bride Smiles tenderly; Harp and psalter sound, There is singing and dancing. Oh, there I should like to be, Forever rejoicing!

I would sooner stay here If Laura smiles on me With a look that says I have ceased grieving. Blissfully then with her I will remain forever here!

Ludwig H. C. Hölty

Jedem lächelt traut Eine Himmelsbraut; Harf' und Psalter klinget. Und man tanzt und singet. Oh, da möcht' ich sein

Freuden sonder Zahl

Blühn im Himmelssaal Engeln und Verklärten,

Wie die Väter lehrten.

Oh, da möcht' ich sein

Und mich ewig freun!

Lieber bleib ich hier, Lächelt Laura mir Einen Blick, der saget. Daß ich ausgeklaget. Selig dann mit ihr Bleib' ich ewig hier!

Und mich ewig freun!

Nacht und Träume, D. 827 [Night and Dreams] Matthäus von Collin

Heil'ge Nacht, du sinkest nieder: Nieder wallen auch die Träume, Wie dein Mondlicht durch die Räume, Durch der Menschen stille Brust. Die belauschen sie mit Lust; Rufen, wenn der Tag erwacht: Kehre wieder, heil'ge Nacht! Holde Träume, kehret wieder!

Holy night, you sink down; Dreams, too, float down. Like your moonlight through space, Through the silent hearts of men. They listen with delight. Crying out when day awakes: Come back, holy night! Fair dreams, return!

Gretchen am Spinnrade, D. 118 [Gretchen at the Spinning-wheel]

Johann Wolfgang Goethe

Meine Ruh' ist hin, Mein Herz ist schwer, Ich finde sie nimmer Und nimmermehr.

Wo ich ihn nicht hab', Ist mir das Grab, Die ganze Welt Ist mir vergällt.

Mein armer Kopf Ist mir verrückt, Mein armer Sinn Ist mir zerstückt.

Nach ihm nur schau' ich Zum Fenster hinaus, Nach ihm nur geh' ich Aus dem Haus.

Sein hoher Gang, Sein' edle Gestalt, Seines Mundes Lächeln, Seiner Augen Gewalt.

Und seiner Rede Zauberfluß. Sein Händedruck, Und ach, sein Kuß!

Mein Busen drängt sich Nach ihm hin. Ach, dürft' ich fassen Und halten ihn.

Und küssen ihn, So wie ich wollt'. An seinen Küssen Vergehen sollt'!

My peace is gone, My heart is heavy, I shall never, never again Find peace.

Wherever he is not with me Is my grave, The whole world Is turned to gall.

My poor head Is crazed, My poor mind Is shattered.

I look out of the window Only to seek him, I leave the house Only to seek him.

His fine gait, His noble form, The smile of his lips, The power of his eyes.

And the magic flow Of his words. The pressure of his hand And, ah, his kiss!

My bosom yearns For him. Ah, if only I could grasp him And hold him.

And kiss him As I would like. I should die From his kisses!

Des Tages Weihe, D. 763 [The Consecration of the Day]

Schicksalslenker, blicke nieder, Auf ein dankerfülltes Herz, Uns belebt die Freude wieder, Fern entflohn ist jeder Schmerz. Und das Leid, es ist vergessen, Durch die Nebel strahlt der Glanz Deiner Größe unermessen, Wie aus hellem Sternenkranz, Liebevoll nahmst du

Der Leiden herben Kelch von Vaters Mund,

Darum ward in Fern und Weiten Deine höchste Milde kund. Schicksalslenker, . . .

Ruler of fate, look down On a grateful heart, Joy has revived us, All pain has flown And sorrow is forgotten,

The splendour of your immeasurable

Greatness radiates through the mist as from a Bright

garland of stars. Lovingly you accepted

The bitter chalice of sorrows at the Father's Command,

And thus your lofty mercy was made

Known far and wide. Ruler of fate, . . .

Der Tanz, D. 826 [The Dance]

K. Sch. von Meerau

Es redet und träumet die Jugend so viel, Von Tanzen, Galloppen, Gelagen, Auf einmal erreicht sie ein trügliches Ziel, Da hört man sie seufzen und klagen. Bald schmerzet der Hals Und bald schmerzet die Brust, Verschwunden ist alle die himmlische Lust.

"Nur diesmal noch kehr' Mir Gesundheit zurück!"

So flehet vom Himmel der hoffende Blick.

Youth speaks and dreams a great deal Of dances, gallops, carousing;

Suddenly it reaches a deceptive goal Then one hears only sighs and complaints.

Sometimes the throat aches And sometimes the chest.

All that divine pleasure has gone.

A hopeful look implores the heavens:

"Just this once

Let my health return!"

Lebenslust, D. 609 [Joy of life]

J. K. Unger

Wer Lebenslust fühlet, Der bleibt nicht allein, Allein sein ist öde, Wer kann sich da freu'n? Im traulichen Kreise, Beim herzlichen Kuß, Beisammen zu leben, Ist Seelengenuß. The one who feels the joy of life does not stay alone;
Solitude is desolate,
Who can rejoice then?
In cosy intimacy
With a hearty kiss,
To live together
Delights the soul.

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